(*e*) the seigniorage per unit paid by the party who bought it in cases where the party who bought it did the blasting work, etc.?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A statement* containing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

Distribution of Government Publications in Sanskrit and Malayalam.

103. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points regarding the free distribution of Government publications in Sanskrit and Malayalam undertaken by the respective Curators:—

(*a*) the names of persons to whom the above publications are now given free of cost; and

(*b*) whether there is any principle on which free distribution of copies is sanctioned?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The lists containing the names of persons to whom and institutions to which Government publications in Sanskrit and Malayalam are now supplied free of cost are available for perusal by the member in the office of the Secretary to the Legislative Council.

(*b*) Institutions of standing, eminent scholars, manuscript lenders and distinguished personages are given copies free.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know the difficulty in furnishing a list of persons to whom these publications are given free of cost?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*). It is a long list.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are the names so numerous?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, over two hundred.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether the members of the Text Book Committee are being supplied with these publications free of cost?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No, not in their capacity as members of the Text Book Committee. If any of them happens to be a research scholar, he might have been supplied under that category.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are not the members of the Text Book Committee eligible to get these publications free?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Most of these publications are difficult to understand. That is why they are supplied to research scholars only.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): The Government have authorised the members of the Text Book Committee to prescribe text books. Are they not scholars?

* *Vide* Appendix II—page 444.

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That is the reason why I said that such of them as are research scholars are supplied with these publications.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether any of the members of the Text Book Committee is being supplied with these publications?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai is one, I know. But I do not know for certain if he is on the Text Book Committee.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is he supplied with both Malayalam and Sanskrit publications?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I believe so.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I correct him, Sir? I get Sanskrit publications, but not the Malayalam publications. They used to be supplied to me while Mr. Parameswara Aiyar was the Curator, but not subsequently.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I do not find his name in the distribution list for Malayalam publications.

Malayalam Shorthand.

104. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): (1) Is it a fact that a Malayalam Shorthand book is being printed at Government expense?

(2) In what direction do the Government propose to popularise it?

(3) Have they got the syllabus from the author in order to adopt it as an optional subject in English Schools?

(4) Do they propose to encourage the person who has invented the Malayalam Typewriting machine and the system of Malayalam Shorthand?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes; five hundred copies of a Malayalam Shorthand book by Mr. N. Sankaran Pandalay, Shorthand Instructor, Government School of Commerce, Alleppey, now Typist, General and Revenue Secretariat, have been so printed.

(2) Two years ago a Malayalam Shorthand class was opened in the Government School of Commerce, Alleppey. But, for want of response from the public, the class has been abolished with effect from the end of April 1927. Malayalam Shorthand has been included as an optional subject for the English School Leaving Certificate Examination.

(3) A syllabus was obtained for the purpose from the author.

(4) The Government have been giving all possible encouragement to Mr. Pandalay, the designer of the Malayalam Typewriter and inventor of the Malayalam Shorthand. A Malayalam Typewriting machine is being constructed at Government cost under Mr. Pandalay's supervision. The Shorthand Manual has been printed entirely at Government cost.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): With reference to part (4), may I know the nature of the encouragement given to Mr. Pandalay, the designer of the Malayalam Typewriter and Shorthand?

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